

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Andrew Fesssak on August 18, 2008.

IN THE CLAIMS –

Claim 3, **INSERT “.”** at the end of the sentence.

Claim 4, **INSERT “.”** at the end of the sentence.

Claim 6, **INSERT “.”** at the end of the sentence.

Claim 7, **INSERT “.”** at the end of the sentence.

Claim 8, **INSERT “.”** at the end of the sentence.

Claim 9, **INSERT “.”** at the end of the sentence.

Claim 11, **INSERT “.”** at the end of the sentence.

Claim 12, **INSERT “.”** at the end of the sentence.

Claim 13, **INSERT “.”** at the end of the sentence.

Claim 14, **INSERT “.”** at the end of the sentence.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-24, 27-29 and 38 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-2, 15-17, 27-29, 32, 35-36 and 38 were rejected under U.S.C. 103(a) over WO 2003/094967, WO 2002/064118, WO 2002/020523, WO 99/55706 in the previous office action and the rejection is withdrawn in light of applicant's submission of declaration on date 07/30/2008.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no late than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Niloofar Rahmani whose telephone number is 571-272-4329. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet Andres, can be reached on 571-272-0670. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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